Extension of B.G. line from Silchar to Jiribam

2928. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when extension of broadgauge of Rail line from Silchar to Jiribam would be taken up;

(b) whether the survey work for conversion of the broadgauge line has been taken up and by when it would be completed; and

(c) the amount of funds allotted for this conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The survey has been completed. The conversion of Silchar-Jiribam line has been sanctioned as a Material Modification of the gauge conversion of Lumding-Silchar section. The work would be started shortly. No target date has yet been fixed for completion of this work.

(c) Rs. 40 crores have been allotted during 1999-2000 for the entire project.

Fixing the rates of eatables at Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway Stations

2929. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any criteria for fixing the rates of all eatables, tea, coffee, cold drinks, etc. at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway Stations; and

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(b) if so, what are the rates fixed for each of such eatables sold at catering/ vending stalls, at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizammuddin Railway Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The criteria for fixing the tariff, of eatables are based on cost of material, preparation, packing and other overhead costs which include staff costs, transport, Sales Tax and other expenses. The rates of Standard meals/ breakfast and tea/coffee are fixed by Railway Board and for the other a-la-carte items such as fast food items and hot/cold beverages sold through automatic vending machines over Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin Railway stations are fixed by Northern Railway.

(b) The rates fixed for eatables sold at catering/vending stalls at New Delhi, and Nizamuddin* Railway stations are as under:—

S.No	Item	Tariff
	Standard items fixed by Railway Board	Rs.
1	Tea in cups (150ml.)	2.00
2	Coffee in cups (150ml.)	3.00
3	Tea in pots (285ml.)	4.00
4	Coffee inpots (285ml.)	5.00
5	Mineral Water 1 litre bottle (chilled)	10.00
6	Standard Breakfast (in casseroles)	12.00
	Vegetarian	15.00
	Non-vegetarian	5.00
7	Janata Khana (in card-board box)	10.00
8	Economy Meals (in casserole)	